

same resource to our veterans as they enhance their education, a small step towards increasing support for our veterans in return for the sacrifices they have made for our freedom. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting our veterans and this legislation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the policies and standards put forth by the House Appropriations Committee and the GOP Leadership, I submit a list of the congressionally-directed projects I have requested in my home state of Idaho that are contained in the report of H.R. 3170, the FY2010 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill.

Project Name: Proof of Concept Center

Amount Received: \$285,000

Account: Small Business Administration Salaries and Expenses

Recipient: Idaho TechConnect Inc.

Recipient's Street Address: 5465 E. Terra Linda Way, Nampa, ID 83687

Description: Idaho TechConnect was created as a statewide private-public cooperation that would bridge the gaps in the state's innovation pipeline. The Idaho TechConnect Proof of Concept Center will manage innovations from early stage projects to the launch of a viable start-up business or to license the product or service to an existing business. The Proof of Concept Center will work with new and existing businesses as well as the state's colleges and universities and the INL to create new commercial products, goods and services. Concepts will be vetted to ensure significant and efficient marketability and commercialization. These concepts will then be relegated to teams/existing businesses to build or expand successful and profitable businesses. The Center will provide assistance with business models, intellectual property strategy, and access to capital, resulting in more ideas becoming products, creating jobs and companies. During these challenging economic times, this funding will assist businesses and public entities in their efforts to mature their innovative ideas into market-ready products and services to strengthen the economy of Idaho and the region.

Project Name: Research and Economic Development and Entrepreneurial Initiative

Amount Received: \$400,000

Account: Small Business Administration Salaries and Expenses

Recipient: Boise State University

Recipient's Street Address: 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725-1135.

Description: Boise State University will establish research partnerships with business and governmental agencies to aid and assist businesses in an effort to preserve free market enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the local and regional economy. The federal funds being requested will be used to match private and public sector dollars and in-kind contributions to conduct collaborative research that spurs intellectual innovation, creates jobs, and ultimately leads to the benefit and growth of the business community. The funds will also

be used to develop the necessary infrastructure to mine, protect, and assess the commercialization potential of the intellectual property that is developed as a result of these efforts. A healthy business climate is critical to the economic strength of the state of Idaho, the region and the nation. The innovation and entrepreneurial spirit that originates from this sector will help the United States compete in today's global marketplace.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide a list of Congressionally-directed projects in the report accompanying the FY2010 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill on behalf of Idaho and provide an explanation of my support for them.

TRIBUTE TO NOVEMBER 21, 1979 AND MARINE CPL. STEVEN J. CROWLEY

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 30-year anniversary of the attacks on the United States Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan and to recognize the bravery and valiant acts of Marine Corporal Steven J. Crowley during these attacks.

Thirty years ago, 20-year-old Steven J. Crowley was an honorable and devoted Corporal in the United States Marines. As a guard at the U.S. Embassy, he took seriously his vow to protect and serve his country. On November 21, 1979, Corporal Crowley made the ultimate sacrifice to protecting the institution he was designated to defend as rioters invaded the building.

The details of these attacks on the United States Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan remain haunting memories for the hostages trapped inside the building. On the 30-year anniversary of the attack, may we recognize the courage and selflessness of Corporal Steven Crowley. His heroic acts saved the lives of countless individuals held hostage. These survivors serve as models of the resilience of Americans and the determination we possess to overcome any obstacle that impedes on the freedom and liberty we are so justly guaranteed.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I commemorate the 30th anniversary of the attacks on the United States Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan and remember Marine Corporal Steven J. Crowley. I wish to extend my sincerest sympathies to the family, friends and loved ones of Steven on this somber occasion.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I secured as part of H.R. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: SBA—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Thomas More College

Address of Requesting Entity: 333 Thomas More Parkway, Crestview Hills, KY 41017

Description of Request: Appropriate \$100,000 for Thomas More College's Center for Regional Health Science and Health Care Management. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment opportunities in the health care field are expected to increase by more than 25 percent by 2010, creating 1.3 million jobs on a national level. Thomas More College is responding to this challenge by expanding upon current programs which address both immediate and future needs of businesses in health care and health care related fields, both at the advanced skills and at the management level. Market analysis indicates that as the number of highly skilled health care jobs increase, so will the need for specialized managers. Thomas More College is a leader in both nursing and business in the region and has a unique affiliation with St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center. The strong partnership serves as the basis for the Center for Regional Health Sciences and Health Care Management. FY2010 funds will be used for operating costs; laboratory materials; supplies; IT costs and support; and professional development and training. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it supports workforce development in identified fields where there are insufficient trained professionals to meet the demand.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Representative JUDY BIGGERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: EERE—Other

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Packer Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: Packer Foundation, 1950 N. Washington St., Naperville, IL 60563

Description of Request: The Packer Foundation will manage and coordinate a biomass conversion to fuel demonstration for municipal fleet vehicles with the City of Naperville, College of DuPage, Argonne National Lab, and Packer Engineering. Demonstrating and deploying waste-to-fuel sources will promote environmental responsibility and sustainability while reducing costs to municipalities, and ultimately taxpayers, by reducing high energy costs and operating overhead of local government.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL USA

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hostelling International USA, which is celebrating 75 years of promoting youth travel and intercultural understanding.

Hostelling International USA is a nonprofit organization founded in 1934 to promote hostels and educational programs throughout the United States, especially for young travelers. The organization aims to help travelers of all ages, but particularly young people, gain a greater understanding of the world and its people. Annually, its hostels host nearly one million overnight stays by domestic and foreign travelers. Hostelling International USA creates cultural exchange through travel and education, and its 70 hostels across the country bring jobs and tourism revenue to local economies.

In my own community of Chicago, Hostelling International's local nonprofit hostel, the J. Ira and Nicki Harris Family Hostel, provides 85,000 overnights for travelers every year. The hostel offers an inexpensive, safe, and comfortable place for visitors of all ages to stay in Chicago, and was rated by travelers as the Best Large Hostel in the World in 2006 and 2007.

Hostelling International Chicago not only welcomes international visitors, but it also serves our local community. The hostel teaches cultural understanding to over 1,500 local students each year through a variety of programs, including Exchange Neighborhoods and Cultural Kitchen. These programs are offered in partnership with the Chicago Public Schools and the Girl Scouts, as well as other youth-serving organizations.

Madam Speaker, Hostelling International encourages young people to travel, to see the world and meet people from other countries, and to become responsible global citizens. I congratulate Hostelling International USA for its 75 years of service, and I thank Hostelling International Chicago for its service to the metropolitan Chicago area.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mrs. BONO MACK. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction, General

Entity Requesting (multiple): City of Murrieta, 1 Town Center—24601 Jefferson Avenue, Murrieta, California 92562; Riverside

County Flood Control and Water District; 1995 Market Street, Riverside, CA 92501

Description of Earmark: \$2,000,000 is provided for the Murrieta Creek Flood Control Project, which would provide 100-year flood protection, environmental restoration/enhancements, and recreation benefits to the cities of Murrieta and Temecula, located in Southwestern Riverside County. The project would create seven miles of soft earthen channelization as well as the development of a continuous riparian habitat corridor throughout the length of the project. The riparian corridor can become a safe home for several listed endangered species that have already been found to exist nearby. The channel would not only facilitate species movement and connectivity to existing wildlife preserves, but will also create an extensive natural wetlands system that can efficiently remove contaminants from stream flows and help ensure improved water quality for local residents and soldiers stationed at the Camp Pendleton Marine Base.

Spending Plan:

Project Expenditures—Funding will be used for ongoing phases of this project as follows:

Phase II Construction: \$12,000,000

Phase III Complete Plans & Specification & DDR: \$2,000,000

Total \$14,000,000

Total Project Cost: \$117,000,000

Federal Share: \$75,270,000

Non-Federal Share: \$41,730,000

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Investigations

Entity Requesting: City of Moreno Valley, 14177 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, CA 92552

Description of Earmark: \$500,000 is provided in the legislation to help address flooding concerns in the area surrounding March Air Reserve Base (MARB). Heacock and Cactus Channels are undersized channels that have proven inadequate to contain flooding, even during moderate rainstorms. Furthermore, substantial vegetation has grown within both channels and impedes the conveyance of tributary flows to an existing ultimate downstream outlet, resulting in drains backing-up within the city of Moreno Valley, flooding in local neighborhoods and impeding emergency services' access. The significant flooding through MARB results in major disruptions to operations at the base, including the fueling of airplanes, the transport of troops and supplies to the Middle East. Additionally, the flooding has caused extensive erosion along Heacock Avenue, which has jeopardized existing major utilities within the road right of way.

Spending Plan:

Project Expenditures—Funds awarded would be utilized to compliment planned expenditures as follows:

Completion of the Feasibility Study: \$667,000

Completion of the Plans and Specifications: \$333,000

Total: \$1,000,000

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Entity Requesting: Eastern Municipal Water District, 2270 Trumble Road, Perris, CA 92572

Description of Earmark: \$250,000 is provided for a project that would take restaurant

grease waste that ordinarily is disposed of at a landfill and use it to make biodiesel by constructing a biodiesel plant at Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) Perris Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility. In addition to the benefit of eliminating the disposal of the grease at considerable cost into the environment, the biodiesel project would create an alternative fuel source for EMWD's fleet of vehicles. Currently more than five million gallons of restaurant grease trappings are produced each year in the EMWD service area.

Spending Plan:

Project Expenditures—Cost of Project with Budget Description and Timeline:

Total Project Cost: \$900,000

Total State/Local Contribution to Date: \$5,000 (primarily storage drums to store thickened grease and studies)

Total Federal Contribution to Date: \$0

FY10 State/Local Contribution: \$450,000

FY10 Federal Funding Request: \$450,000

FY 2010 Federal Request Cost Breakdown: \$250,000 (Pumping, heating, screening, and piping systems to clean and handle the grease and waste streams)

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Representative JUDY BIGGERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Section 206

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Forest Preserve District of Will County

Address of Requesting Entity: 17540 West Laraway Rd, Joliet, IL 60433

Description of Request: Prairie Bluff Preserve occupies much of the groundwater recharge zone for the seeps at Lockport Prairie Nature Preserve. Modifying how storm water is managed at the preserve and using best management practices, along with restoring naturalized plant communities across this portion of the recharge area, will increase water infiltration and stabilize the seepage flow at LPNP. This is important for protecting the rare habitats and would address several goals and objectives contained in the federal recovery plans for these species.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. LoBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmarks in H.R. 2996

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LoBIONDO (NJ-02)